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Subject: Mercury Spill Cleanup and Assessment Request - Majestic Inn Klamath Falls, OERS 2020-2919
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Oregon DEQ requests EPA assistance for assessment and cleanup of an elemental mercury spill that occurred at the Majestic Inn and Suites in Klamath Falls on Nov 22, 2020, located at 5543 South 6th St, Klamath Falls. One of the hotel rooms (#24) was impacted by the release of elemental mercury from an individual who was trying to poison themselves by ingesting the mercury and by spreading the mercury on themselves. The individual was taken to Sky Lakes Medical Center in Klamath Falls by ambulance. DEQ advised the owner of the hotel (b) (6) to keep the room secured and to not allow anyone to enter until appropriate cleanup was completed.

On Nov 30, First Strike Environmental (FSE) did a size-up on the hotel impacts. They observed blebs of mercury on the carpet in the hotel room as well as a small jar of residual mercury on the dresser. No cleanup action was taken. Our records do not have the original volume released, but based on discussions with FSE they estimated several volumetric ounces were released. Sky Lakes medical Center did not request any assistance and the ambulance owner is unknown. ODEQ advised the property owner of the need for assessment and cleanup, but has not completed anything beyond FSE's original size up of the problem, due to funding issue and lack of insurance coverage. Additional investigation of the ambulance, the hospital, as well as the hotel property, is warranted.

Here are the project contacts:

- Hotel owner – (b) (6)
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- Hotel Manager (b) (6)
- Attorney representing RP, don't have name, (503-329-6315)
- Sky Lakes Medical Center - Julie Wolf, 541-274-6175, located at 2855 Daggett Ave, Klamath Falls

ODEQ appreciates EPA's assistance and would like to be included on significant actions related to the cleanup. I have included Oregon Health Authority, Environmental Health Assessment Program (Todd Hudson) who has been updated with the incident details. I have also included ODEQ's regional toxicologist, Susan Turnblom and the regional Cleanup Manager, David Anderson.

Please let me know if you need any assistance or would like my participation with any coordination efforts or need anything further.

Thank you.

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